

## **Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 106**

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to highways.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SCR 43, Leslie. Stephen P. Teale Highway: Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 26 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West Point in Calaveras County the Stephen P. Teale Highway, designate Bridge 26-17 on State Highway Route 49 the Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge, and designate the portion of State Highway Route 89 between the City of Truckee and Tahoe City the 10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing these special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale was born on June 16, 1916, in San Francisco and moved to the community of West Point in Calaveras County in 1945, where he lived until his death in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Stephen P. Teale elected to become a physician and surgeon in 1932, graduating from the California College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons in 1943, and he served two years of internship and residency at Los Angeles County General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, A few years after “Doc” Teale settled in the foothills, he established his medical practice in Calaveras County and quickly became a legendary figure, having won the respect and loyalty of the citizens of Calaveras County and the Mother Lode Country; and

WHEREAS, The people of Calaveras County elected him to the county board of supervisors in 1948, where he served for five years, having been re-elected in 1952; and

WHEREAS, In a special election in 1953, “Doc” Teale was overwhelmingly elected to the State Senate representing Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne Counties, and, until his retirement in 1972, served there with distinction, being recognized as one of the Legislature’s most influential and effective members; and

WHEREAS, “Doc” Teale was also remarkable for his continued interest in technology and, in recognition of his efforts to establish

computer technology in the Legislature, the Senate named the state's computer center the "Stephen P. Teale Data Center"; and

WHEREAS, It would be a fitting tribute to Senator Stephen P. "Doc" Teale for the long years of lasting public service rendered by him to the citizens of California, particularly to the people of Calaveras County, that the portion of State Highway Route 26 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West Point be designated in his memory as the Stephen P. Teale Highway; and

WHEREAS, Bridge 26-17, postmile 12.14, on State Highway Route 49 between Amador City and Drytown, has been commonly known as the Rancheria Creek Bridge; and

WHEREAS, By unanimous resolution of the Amador County Board of Supervisors, the board has made known that it desires to dedicate the Rancheria Creek Bridge as the "Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge" to honor the many veterans of Amador County who have bravely served our country in the Armed Services of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Star Memorial Highway project was adopted in 1947 by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The project is designed to erect appropriate highway markers on Blue Star Memorial Highways to pay tribute to all of those who served so gallantly in the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 89 extends from State Highway Route 395, two miles north of Topaz to three miles south of the Nevada, California state line, continues north on the west side of Lake Tahoe, crosses Interstate Highway Route 80 near Truckee, then continues north and runs jointly with State Highway Route 70 to the Greenville Wye, then continues on north on the west side of Lake Almanor to the junction of State Highway Route 36, then runs jointly with State Highway Route 36 to the south entrance of Lassen Park and continues through the national park, then continues to the north to the junction of State Highway Route 44, and then runs jointly and continues north to the junction of Interstate Highway Route 5; and

WHEREAS, State Highway Route 89 has been designated as a Blue Shield Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division of the United States Army, consisting of some 15,000 soldiers, served gallantly in the Italian Campaign during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The 10th Mountain Division sustained the loss of life of 992 soldiers, more than 300 of whom are interred in the American Military Cemetery in Florence, Italy; and

WHEREAS, Many of these veterans were originally from the Sierra Nevada region of California; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the portion of State Highway Route 26 between the communities of Mokelumne Hill and West Point in

Calaveras County is hereby officially designated the Stephen P. Teale Highway, that Bridge 26-17, located at postmile 12.14 on State Highway Route 49 in Amador County, is hereby officially designated the Amador County Veterans Memorial Bridge, and that the portion of State Highway Route 89 between the City of Truckee and Tahoe City in Placer County is hereby officially designated the 10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway ; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the special designations and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

